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Applicant: William F. AFTOORA Docket No.: WFA-1400
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

To the Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant, through his undersigned attorneys, hereby respectfully responds to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006.

TIMING OF RESPONSE

The PTO mailed a Final Office Action for the present application on March 2, 2006. The three month shortened statutory period for reply to the March 2, 2006 Office Action was June 2, 2006.

Application Serial No.: 10/049,876
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Response Filed: July 3, 2006
In Response to Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006

The present Response After Final Office Action includes a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a One Month Extension of Time to extend the period for response to the March 2, 2006 Final Office Action to July 2, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a), “[W]hen the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action or paying any fee in the Patent and Trademark Office falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or on a Federal Holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday.” July 2, 2006 was a Sunday, a day in which the PTO was closed for business and does not accept correspondence. The next business day that the PTO was open for business to accept correspondence is July 3, 2006. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the present Response After Final Office Action is timely filed, with the one month extension of time.

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